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STAFF CONFERENCE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Wednesday, 21 February 1951, at 1100 hours

General Smith Presiding

Present

Allen W. Dulles, Deputy Director for Plans
Murray McConnell, Deputy Director for Administration
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Executive Assistant to DCI
[redacted] Executive Assistant to DCI
James M. Andrews, Asst. Dir. for Collection and Dissemination
George G. Carey, Asst. Dir. for Operations
[redacted] D/Asst. Dir. for Scientific Intelligence
[redacted] D/Asst. Dir. for Current Intelligence
Kilbourne Johnston, D/Asst. Dir. for Policy Coordination
William L. Langer, Asst. Dir. for National Estimates
Max F. Millikan, Asst. Dir. for Research and Reports
James Q. Reber, A/Asst. Dir. for Intelligence Coordination
[redacted] Special Asst. to DCI
Maj. Gen. Willard Wyman, Asst. Dir. for Special Operations

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1. Introduction of Mr. Walter Reid Wolf

The Director introduced Mr. Walter Reid Wolf who is to become Deputy Director for Administration upon the departure of Mr. McConnell.

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3. CIA Briefing for Mr. Peyton Ford, Department of Justice

Mr. Dulles reported that Mr. Peyton Ford is coming to CIA on 27 February for a briefing. After some discussion as to the number of people who would be called upon to participate in this briefing, the Director instructed that the number be held down.

4. Project

After some discussion on the merits of the subject project wherein the Director pointed out that State and Defense should participate in the program and that he was less concerned with what was being done at the moment, General Smith directed that [redacted] and Dr. Callikan submit to him a brief report and recommendations to include:

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- a) how much money was needed to keep the project going
- b) the personnel needed to implement the project

The Director also pointed out that the operation of this project could be patterned after that of our panel at Princeton. The above report and recommendations will be discussed by the Director with [redacted] and [redacted]

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5. Proposed OPC Budget for Fiscal Year 1952

The Director pointed out that the subject budget covered activities far and beyond what we are presently set up to do and transcends any directive and/or responsibility assigned to CIA. He stated that there was very little we could do in connection with the operations proposed by OPC in this budget other than to act as an advance planning group in this field until such time as more definite directives are issued. He also pointed out that the amount of the budget was not unrealistic and could be well-used as a planning figure to show other Government agencies concerned.

The Director instructed Col. Johnston to attach to this budget a brief analysis and justification of the amount indicated therein which will be shown to the Departments of State and Defense.

6. NSC 86 - Policy on Defectors

Mr. Garvey reported that at a meeting of the NSC Sub-committee on the subject paper, Admiral Stevens indicated that CIA responsibility under NSC 13 should be enlarged. The Director stated that our major job was the production of intelligence and that augmenting responsibilities might become so great that we would have to turn some of these responsibilities over to other agencies.

7. Proposed Directive on Psychological Warfare

The Director explained the genesis of the paper and indicated that in his opinion the paper should contain a very broad plan such as an outline strategic war plan covering global large scale operations. He further indicated that we can carry out our mission in this field provided that we received the proper direction and that we should work toward integrating our efforts into a global plan. After further discussion, the Director instructed comments and recommendations on this paper be submitted to him on 26 February 1951. These comments and recommendations will be prepared by Mr. Dulles, Dr. Millikan, Mr. Eber, Col. Johnston, and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

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